Cox investing millions in nationwide broadband network expansion projects to reach underserved communities

Network expands to deliver symmetrical gigabit internet in effort to help promote digital equity

ATLANTA, June 2, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Cox Communications has committed more than$400 million dollars over the next three years to bring symmetrical gigabit broadband connectivity to more than 100K unserved and underserved households in communities across the country. In a recent joint event, Cox announced a partnership with the City of Tahlequah, Ok. that will bring fiber service to more than 6,000 underserved homes. The company also announced a $20,000 donation from the James M. Cox Foundation to the Boys and Girls Club of Tahlequah to fund a Cox Innovation Lab, which will provide new and innovative technology and support to help bridge the digital divide in the community.

Similar to Tahlequah, several other projects are underway inOklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Florida, Louisiana, California, Virginia and Arizona. Residents in expansion areas can visitwww.cox.com/getfiber to learn more about the service offerings available and to sign up for service availability updates.

"Today's families are even more reliant upon fast internet speeds to power their increasingly digital lives but many still lack access to a fast and reliable connection," said Cox Communications President Mark Greatrex. "As part of our ongoing commitment to digital equity, we're making private investments, continuing to pursue partnership opportunities, and positively impacting the lives of those in underserved areas by providing high-speed broadband service."

In addition to these privately-funded expansion projects, there are several other projects on the horizon thanks to public-private partnership investment; areas like Yavapai County in Arizona where Cox was recently awarded American Rescue Plan funds from the county. These funds, combined with private investments from Cox, will allow for the expansion of more than 100 miles of Cox broadband network to reach more than 3,000 underserved residents in Congress and Black Canyon City.

Similar public-private partnerships are successfully underway inVirginia with several more applications awaiting award decisions in other Cox markets. Through these public-private partnership opportunities, Cox can help cities more effectively achieve their strategic connection objectives thereby preserving their resources for greater impact.

This effort is part of a broader multibillion-dollar annual infrastructure investment over the next several years to deliver a 10 gigabit-capable, fiber-based network that will power the next generation of internet users. Breakthrough enhancements to cable's broadband DOCSIS 4.0 technology combined with expanded fiber to the home will enable the delivery of multi-gigabit symmetrical speeds in the coming years to both residential and business customers to support a growing host of high bandwidth applications.

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